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November 13, 2009

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO COUNTY CONTRACT NUMBER PH-00985 WITH ALLEN LUND COMPANY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR BIOTERRORISM**

This is to inform you that I am exercising the delegated authority as approved by your Board on July 29, 2008, to execute new services agreement and to amend existing and new service agreements related to bioterrorism response and public health emergency preparedness funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), with the contract maximum obligation not to exceed \$500,000 per service agreement, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and notification of the Board offices.

On April 26, 2009, a public health emergency was declared by the United States Department of Health and Human Services as the result of the detection of 20 known cases of individuals infected by swine origin Influenza A virus, now known as the H1N1 in the United States. Subsequently, the World Health Organization declared the first pandemic in over 40 years in recognition of widespread and sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus in multiple regions around the globe. In light of the threat a pandemic can pose to the nation's public health and security, Congress responded by appropriating funding for the "Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund" to prepare for and respond to the influenza pandemic. These funds are intended to bolster the nation's preparedness and response capabilities in order to decrease morbidity and mortality rates associated with the influenza pandemic.

In April 2009, CDC released 25% of its Strategic National Stockpile for pandemic influenza preparedness. As a project area, Los Angeles County received significant quantities of antiviral medications and other supplies. In response to our warehousing needs, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) agreed to provide transportation and storage in its climate controlled warehouse in Sacramento 108 pallets of CDC antivirals until needed for use in Los Angeles County.

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In early October 2009, the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) EMS Agency advised DPH of its desire to distribute antiviral medications to Disaster Resource Center hospitals, clinics, Emergency Medical Services providers, and Veteran Administration hospitals, including a significant amount of the antivirals stored at the CDPH warehouse. CDPH has advised all local jurisdictions that it is the responsibility of the individual jurisdictions to provide transportation services necessary to return antivirals which were previously distributed and are now being stored by CDPH.

Using the above referenced delegated authority, the Department of Public Health (DPH) executed County Agreement Number PH-00985 with Allen Lund Company on October 22, 2009 (notification sent to your Board on October 22, 2009), and intends now to execute Amendment 1 to County Contract Number PH-00985 with Allen Lund Company, to transport antiviral medications from the CDPH warehouse in Sacramento to DPH. The antivirals will then be distributed by DPH, in accordance with the response plan of the DHS EMS Agency, to local hospitals for replenishment, re-positioning, and treatment of H1N1 novel influenza patients.

The total proposed cost for this amendment is \$1,800 for the term upon execution by the parties through December 31, 2009. This amendment increases the total contractual amount for the term of October 23, 2009 through April 30, 2010, from \$176,895 to \$178,695. Funds are available under CDC Public Health Emergency Response funds NA 1H75TP000350-01 Amendment 3 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

County Counsel and the CEO have approved the proposed amendment as to form. If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

JEF/rdt

c: Chief Executive Officer  
Acting County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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